



## Barbara Jane Hardie

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9 April 1956 – 30 August 2022

Cullowhee, NC: It is with great sadness the family of Barbara Jane Hardie announces her passing on the morning of August 30, 2022. Born on April 9, 1956, Barbara was a devoted mother and wife and an inspirational teacher. As the wife of Reverend Michael Hudson of St. David's Episcopal Church in Cullowhee, NC, she was known as a vibrant and well loved member of the church. Barbara was a deep thinker and a passionate person.

She loved to garden, both vegetables and flowers. She was a gifted artist with wonderful fine motor skills and would make one of a kind gifts for friends and family. She wanted everything she gave to be from the heart. Barbara also loved to write. She received her masters in Creative Writing and wrote many beautiful pieces including poems and short stories. She was a voracious reader who had over 500 books in her home library, and she shared her love of reading and critical thinking with her students at Western Carolina University and Southwestern Community College.

Barbara spent most of her time hiking with her family (especially with her husband Michael and their sweet dogs Nova and Simon). They traveled all of the mountains of Western North Carolina and have walked almost every path, especially ones that ended in waterfalls. It is no coincidence that her favorite author was Mary Oliver whose work was inspired by nature and who also had a lifelong passion for walks in the wild. Part of Barbara and Michael's morning breakfast ritual was reading one of Mary Oliver's poems.

Left with many wonderful memories and marks on the heart are Barbara's husband, The Reverend Michael Vincent Hudson; her daughter, Ruth Hardie Hudson; her sisters, Becki Hardie, Leslie Hardie, Trisha Washer, and Sara Lawson; and her dear friend, Marilyn Jody. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents Bradford Hardie and Rebecca Boone.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, September 3, at 2 p.m., at St. David's Episcopal Church in Cullowhee, NC. Reverend Gaelyn Lei Evangreene will officiate. Interment will follow after the service in the church cemetery.

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**2.2.2.1.2 Barbara Jane Hardie** was born on 9 April 1956 in El Paso, Texas. She attended Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, in 1974-1976 and 1981-1982, and graduated in 1984 from Belmont College with a B.A. degree in English

She was married on 29 May 1976 at Trinity United Methodist Church in El Paso to Michael Vincent Hudson, born on 17 December 1950 in Greenville, South Carolina (son of the late Heyward Wayman Hudson and Ruth Evie Neves Hudson).

Mike Hudson graduated from Furman University in 1973 with a B.A. degree in English. They lived in Nashville from 1976 to 1986 when they moved to Pennsylvania. Barbara worked toward an M.F.A. degree in writing from the University of Pittsburgh, and Michael earned his M.Div. degree at Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in Ambridge. Barbara and Michael lived in Norfolk, Virginia, where their first child was born in 1988. Barbara and Mike move to North Carolina. Children:

2.2.2.1.2.1 Ruth Hardie Hudson